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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON PRE-GENEVA CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS

1. AHRAH REPORTS THAT CAIRO HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE
JOINT US/USSR MESSAGE TO UNSYG WALDHEIM, WHICH UNSYG WILL
SHORTLY ADDRESS TO FOUR COUNTRIES--EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN,
ISRAEL--INVITED TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE. SIMILAR COPIES
OF MESSAGE ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN HANDS OF ISRAELIS,
JORDANIANS AND SYRIANS. AHRAH'S ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT
US AND USSR HAVE ASKED UNSYG IN THEIR MESSAGE TO EXTEND
INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE, NOW SCHEDULED TO OPEN

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DECEMBER 21; ACCORDING TO REPORT, MESSAGE "STIPULATES

THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD UNDER UN SUPERVISION, AT THE UN BUILDING IN GENEVA, AND UNDER THE UN FLAG, PROVIDED THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS JOINTLY PRESIDE OVER IT."

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT US AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO WERE IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH MFA UNDERSECRETARY SHUKRY DECEMBER 17, AND MET WITH FONMIN FAHMY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM DAMASCUS.

3. REGARDING FAHMY'S DAMASCUS VISIT, GUMHURIYYA REPORTS THAT SYRIA "HAS SOME DEMANDS" BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS ITS MEETINGS, BUT DOES NOT STATE WHAT THESE DEMANDS ARE. PAPER DOES SAY, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE AGREED THAT (A) ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES ACCORDING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242; (B) THERE MUST BE A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AS STIPULATED BY SC RES 339; AND (C) PALESTINE AND LEBANON ARE TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

4. DECEMBER 18 PRESS REPORTS EXCERPTS OF ISMAIL FAHMY'S INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TV, APPARENTLY BROADCAST DECEMBER 17. AHRAM NOTES THAT FAHMY SAID HE WAS GOING TO GENEVA "TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT IT IS ISRAEL THAT IS HINDERING PEACE." CAIRO'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE GAZETTE REPORTS THAT FAHMY ALSO SAID THAT EGYPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO WE PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE, AND HOPES THAT "IMPORTANT COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE WILL PARTICIPATE . . . BUT POLITICS IS POLITICS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT EGYPT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ABSENCE OF EUROPE FROM THE CONFERENCE." LATTER REMARKS ARE NOT REPORTED BY ARABIC PRESS.
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